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Candidate list compiled for municipal election

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Election signs were already popping up on Monday, Sept. 23, as the nomination papers had been processed and an official list of those running for council was released by the town office.

Deputy CAO Luana Smith, who is also the returning officer for the coming municipal election, released the unofficial list of candidates and said that Rick Mousseau, former deputy mayor, won the title of mayor by acclamation.

Among the 10 total council candidates are incumbents Donald LaVar Adams, Gail Nowlan and Gayle Venio.

Faces new to Didsbury's political landscape are Ken Anderson, Natalie Desseroit St. Jacques, Garth Hollinger, Michel Laroque, Jayce McCoy, Kimberly Moore and Sheila Shultz.

Smith said the process "went very well. We surprisingly had only one (candidate) for mayor, so he was acclaimed."

She added the list above is unofficial, as candidates have 24 hours from the close of nominations at noon on Monday to withdraw their names from the hat, for any reason.

The town office handed out more nomination forms than it has in the past, she noted, with 17 forms leaving and only 11 being handed back.

The election itself will take place on Oct. 21, with two advance polls available for those who wish to get their vote in early, she said.

Friday, Oct. 11, from noon to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. are the advance poll dates, and the polls can be accessed through the side door of the town office, she said.

The Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an open forum with the candidates in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Didsbury Memorial Complex on Oct. 2, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Didsbury Municipal Library will also be holding similar events on Thursday, Sept. 26 and Wednesday, Oct. 16, with both taking place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. as well.



Returning officer Luana Smith reviews the list of candidates on Monday, following the nomination deadline at 12 p.m. There are 10 candidates running for council and Rick Mousseau won the title of mayor by acclamation.

Kevin Vink/MVP Staff

Mountain View County sees four candidates acclaimed

BY DAN SINGLETON
MVP Staff

There will be municipal election races in Mountain View County divisions 1, 6 and 7, with candidates elected by acclamation in divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5, according to unofficial nomination results released Monday.

In Division 1, Brent Bushert, a farmer, will face off against massage therapist Jeremy Sayer. Both men are seeking public office for the first time.

Kevin Good, the incumbent in the division, did not seek re-election.

In Division 6, general contractor Ron Vogel is facing off against farmer Ken Heck. Incumbent Paddy Munro did not seek re-election.

In Division 7, incumbent Al Kemmere,

a farmer, is facing off against challenger Steve Algra, an independent businessman.

In Division 2, incumbent Patricia McKean was acclaimed.

In Division 3, incumbent Duncan Milne was acclaimed.

In Division 4, incumbent Bruce Beattie was acclaimed.

In Division 5, newcomer Angela Aalbers was acclaimed. In that division, incumbent Bob Orr did not seek re-election.

All candidates have until Sept. 24 at noon to withdraw their candidacy.

Mountain View County reeve and deputy reeve will be elected by council members at the municipality's organizational meeting following the Oct. 21 election.

Chinook's Edge trustees acclaimed in six wards

BY DAN SINGLETON
MVP Staff

Six trustees have been acclaimed in the Chinook's Edge School Division, with election campaigns now underway in the three other wards, according to unofficial nomination results released Monday.

In the Sylvan Lake/Benalto Ward 1, first-term incumbent Joe-Anne Matejka is facing off against challenger Jackie Swainson.

In the Innisfail Ward 4, there are three can-

didates: Derek Baird, Holly Bilton and Linnea Thompson. Eight-term incumbent Penny Archibald did not seek another term.

Ron Fisher, fifth-term incumbent in the Sundre Ward 6, was acclaimed.

In Bowden/Spruce View Ward 5, third-term incumbent Connie Huelsman is facing off against challenger Linda Possakka.

Colleen Butler, third-term incumbent in the Delburne/Elnora Ward 3, was acclaimed.

Trudy James, first-term

incumbent in the Olds Ward 7, was acclaimed.

Gord Kerr, first-term incumbent in the Didsbury Ward 8, was acclaimed.

Sherry Cooper, third-term incumbent in the Penhold/Poplar Ridge/Springbrook Ward 2, was acclaimed.

Sheldon Ball was acclaimed in Carstairs/Cremona Ward 9. Incumbent Bill MacFarquhar did not seek re-election.

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Farmers' charity almost ready to harvest

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Rosebud Community Grow Project is just about ready to harvest after another successful growing season, according to officials.

The project is a community effort, and to date, organizers have donated just over \$157,256 to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFB), which in turn uses the money to help those in need in 37 countries, says Clem Kuelker, board chairman.

Kuelker noted despite a good growing season, the group still needs some help to harvest a 100-acre canola field south of Didsbury.

He added that last year, with the help of nine or 10 combines, it took less than an hour and a half to harvest.

"It is our hope that we can again assemble a group of farmers and dealers with combines and grain carts and some visitors that might enjoy some

food, stories, big machinery and dust," said Kuelker.

He noted there is no fixed date for the harvest, as "accurately forecasting the weather is an art that might be years off into the future, but we will give as much lead time as possible for harvest day."

The board welcomes anybody who would like to volunteer with either the harvest itself or to work on the board, which has seen some recent vacancies.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the CFB, which gave \$4.3 million to 122 projects and helped 2.1 million people in 2012 alone, he added.

That money was used to purchase 40,677 tonnes of food and financed agricultural community self-help programs, clean water and sanitation programs, as well as nutrition education and malnutrition treatment programs, he said.

If anybody can spare a couple of hours in the coming weeks and is interested in pitching in, Kuelker encouraged they call him directly at 403-335-3667.

Museum celebrates 35 years

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Didsbury and District Historical Society invited residents and officials to celebrate the museum's 35th year in operation last Friday, Sept. 20 – exactly 35 years since the first meeting of the society, say officials.

Frankie Kelly, president of the society, said about 85 people attended throughout the evening, giving a chance for volunteers and residents to mingle and commemorate 35 years of progress.

"It was great," said Kelly. "A lot of people came out and enjoyed going through the museum."

Volunteers set up displays and

photos showing all the work that has been done since the inception of the society, and Kelly added that the night was basically a celebration and a "thank you" to the community for all its support.

The photo albums detailed upgrades ranging from the installation of the elevator, concrete repairs, restoration of the fire truck and many others, she said.

"It just brought people up to date as to what the changes were and they could walk around and see the changes and just see how nice it looks," she noted.

"I think every business and organization in town has helped the museum in one way or another, whether it be maintenance, dusting

or bookkeeping. It was just a thank you to everybody for all the work that's been done at the museum."

The model railroad club also had a display out, as it has been working to make a miniature replica of the town of Didsbury in one of the rooms on the upper floor of the museum.

"Also some of the rugs that have been made on the 1938 wooden loom. They were on display as well as some of the awards we've been nominated for in the past.

"And then of course we still had a lot of the Scandinavian artifacts from the festival. So people who wouldn't come for the festival got to see the woodwork and such as well."

Lions Club prepares for food drive

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Lions Club will soon be hosting its annual food drive on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 26, and Vance van Dam, coordinator of the drive, says the group is looking forward to it.

The Lions will be getting the help of Westlen School students again, he noted, adding that there were about 35 students who came out to help last year, which made for short work.

"They're a real great bunch of kids and they're happy to help us

out, so we're happy to give them a donation in kind to help them with their school expenses," said van Dam.

He asks residents who want to participate in the food drive – which benefits the Mountain View Regional Food Bank – to have either non-perishable food donations or cash donations ready that evening.

"If they know they're not going to be at home or will be at home late, if they can just leave their items on their front step and mark it for the Lions' food drive, we'll instruct our kids to go to the door and if

nobody's home have a look around to see if there's any bags or boxes," he said.

"We like to get it all that night if we can, it makes it much simpler for our guy who's taking it to the food bank," he added.

The club's goal is to get a bigger haul than last year, which was a total of 5,533 pounds, valued at about \$12,000, plus \$495 in cash.

He noted that the food bank will take nearly anything other than homemade preserves, including toiletries and other household goods.

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Curling club seeking new and experienced players

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Curling Club is actively seeking members to join up and play, as membership has steadily decreased for the past couple of years, according to officials.

Wanda Mudry, a board member for the club, said she attributes the drop in membership to people simply being too busy.

"They believe the commitment is big," said Mudry, noting that the club is hoping to start up a three-month membership plan for those who want to just try it out or who don't want to commit to the whole season.

However, the commitment isn't that taxing to begin with, she added.

"Usually they will curl one night a week. Sometimes there's some small volunteer hours, but you can choose not to though, and basically that's it: just show up and curl and book a time."

The financial situation of the club has deemed it necessary for the board to start up a strong membership drive, and she noted if the community wants to keep the club around and active, they need the help of the town.

The club still offers junior classes,

which meet twice a week and make use of fresh ice in a small-class atmosphere, she said.

"It really is a good sport. It's a sport you can do from preteens to 100 years old. It's such a good sport."

She likes everything about it and has quite a passion for it, she noted.

"It's mostly the interaction between all the other people out there. Curling is just a really great social game. There's never any roughness or unkindness, just going out and having fun."

The club has various bonspiels planned throughout the season, including a couple of fun bonspiels where teams play three ends, visit the lounge upstairs for some food and drinks, then return and finish the game with three additional ends.

She said clubs don't usually do that, but it makes for a really fun social experience.

"So all the new people in town – and I know there's lots – they should come out and play," she said, noting that individuals can join up and they will be paired up with a team.

Registration for those interested in joining the club will take place Tuesday, Oct. 1, in the club lounge on the upstairs level of the curling rink, she added.

Police briefs

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Mailbox mischief

Multiple times in the past few weeks, Canada Post mailboxes, all on Westcott Road have been pushed over and police are seeking the culprits, who could be charged with criminal mischief if caught, according to Cpl. Warren Wright.

"It's been happening frequently," said Wright. "The locks and boxes have been damaged and it's being reported as criminal mischief."

"Perhaps the pranksters think it's fun, but now it's become a criminal investigation and if anybody has any information they would like to pass on, we would like to hear from them."

Hit and run

Police received a report from a driver who says they rear-ended a green Pontiac Sunfire on the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 18, said Wright.

The driver, who was in a blue Acura sedan, reported that they were following the Sunfire when the driver slammed on the brakes.

Following the collision, the Sunfire took off and no plate number was obtained, he said. Wright said police would like the identity of the driver of the Sunfire to complete the accident report, as it was a reportable collision.

Car keyed

A woman reported to the Didsbury RCMP that her car had been keyed while parked in the parking lot of the hospital on Thursday, Sept. 12, said Wright.

He said the woman does not have any idea who would have wanted to vandalize her car, and asks anybody who may have information to call either the Didsbury RCMP Detachment or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Stolen tank

A slip tank was stolen from the back of a truck parked in the Shantz Crossing construction site sometime between Sunday, Sept. 1 and Sept. 13, said Wright.

The report did not say how much fuel was in the tank, though Wright noted it was likely empty or close to empty.

Motorcycle recovered

A black 2003 Yamaha FZS10 was stolen from a yard on Rge. Rd. 51 and Twp. Rd. 305 sometime between Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. and the following morning, said Wright.

It was recovered the same day in Sylvan Lake by police, he added.

Dragons tie Tigers 14-14 last weekend

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

After a tough game, the Didsbury Dragons and Carstairs Tigers football teams ended their game last Saturday with a score of 14-14.

The Dragons played well, but coach Mark Lefebvre said they weren't expecting such a tough defence from the Tigers.

"Carstairs were a little more physical than I'd expected. They didn't surprise us with anything but they played really hard and really tough and some of my offensive line weren't ready for it."

Carstairs laid a beating on the Dragons, but despite a few bruises, the team will be back up to strength for its next game on Saturday, he said.

"Lots of them learned some character today," he noted.

The team is much higher in numbers than last year, with 21 players – enough for more than two full lines, he added.

"Unfortunately we've only got one Grade 12 (player), a couple Grade 11s, and the rest are Grade 10 and Grade 9s. So there's a lot of people just learning plays and we're trying to get them some experience without getting them killed, so it's a tough balance."

The team has been keen so far and learning fast, he said, "but practice is a lot different than a game...It's a learning process and they learned

a lot today."

This was their second game of the season, he added.

Carstairs Tigers coach Kevin Onishenko said he was happy with his team's performance on the field, as they shut down quite a few of Didsbury's plays.

"They had a good game and we haven't had a lot of success against Didsbury over the years, so this time we went into their field and tied 'em up coming from behind, so (the team's) pretty happy."

He said there has been more commitment from players than in the past, so the team has been doing well, with 15 players on the roster, though there are some who have other commitments.

"Defence went really well. We've been pret-

ty strong all year on defence," he said, noting that the team has been trying out a couple of different players as quarterback, depending on the situation.

"Our special teams were quite poor on the kicking side, our kicker had a hip flexor problem today, so we struggled there a little bit, but he'll bounce back and the offence is always a work in progress."

Overall, he said the team played well, and is sitting at 1-1-1 for the season, following a loss against Drayton Valley for their opening game and a win against Sundre.

"Any time you can go into the opposition's field and tie a game or even win one is great. We definitely walked away on a positive note."



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Jeremy Gerber (#7) tries to deke out Carstairs' Wyatt Thomas during Saturday's game at the Didsbury High School field. The game ended with a tie of 14-14.

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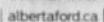
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Showcasing what Didsbury has to offer

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

At least 300 people, both exhibitors and attendees, showed up to see what Didsbury has to offer at the annual Showcase Didsbury event, which took place at the curling rink last Thursday.

The purpose of showcase Didsbury is to highlight some of the many activities and organizations in town, according to Jolene Sanford, community development coordinator for the Town of Didsbury.

She said it was one of the best turnouts that she has ever seen for the event, and that she was "very, very happy with the turnout."

"We had 56 community groups that had tables there and we fed well over 300 people (that) night."

She noted last year was quieter and added it often has to do with both weather and other events going on in the area.

"So every year we just kind of hope that it's obviously better than the last year."

There were many new groups this year, such as Habitat for Humanity, the Jumpstart program, Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, as well as some of the regular exhibitors, such as Didsbury Fun Hockey, the museum, Seniors' Support Services and Jazzercise, to name just a few, she said.

"There's really well-rounded groups that we had - a really diverse set of people there last night, being able to offer a bunch of different services to the different needs in the community," she said.

"Sometimes without having that type of showcase, getting new people into the community, they might not know what Didsbury has to offer," she added.

"And so it's just a yearly event that's a really great way to bring people back out into the community - even existing members who live in the community - as just a reminder of all the great things we have going on in the community."

The event was organized by Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), and takes place annually on the third Thursday of September, she added.



(From left to right) Cathy Jackson and Kimberley Fehr, representing Project Roret, talk with Ali and Syra Ahmed, who moved to town two months ago and want to get into community life in town.

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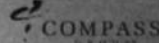


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Opinion

Commentary

Lavigne's letter contained inaccuracies

Re: Letter to the editor headlined "Open letter" on p. 6 of the Sept. 17 issue of the *Didsbury Review*.

On behalf of council, I would like to thank Mr. Lavigne for bringing issues to the forefront so that the electors may decide for themselves as to who is better to lead Didsbury town council over the next four years.

Unfortunately, Mr. Lavigne's letter fails to provide the correct information to the taxpayers and electorate of Didsbury. In the interest of fairness and clarity, so taxpayers know the facts, I will refer to the issues in the same order as expressed in Mr. Lavigne's letter.

Mr. Lavigne references increased town debt and an unknown road to recovery. If he would have attended more than two council meetings in the past six years, or even gone to the town website to review the information there, he would know what the town's debt is and the plans for how the town will manage and repay that debt.

Mr. Lavigne has told people that the town is in debt to the tune of \$29 million. This is an untrue statement. The town's current debt as it shows in the 2012 audited financial statements on the town's website is at \$7.7 million. The town's debt limit, which is set under provincial legislation, is \$13.6 million, so you can see that we are well below our limit and nowhere near the figure that Mr. Lavigne has fabricated.

Every year the town makes debt payments in the range of \$800,000+ per year so based on that we will have the majority of the debt paid down in 10 years. As is also stated in the auditor's report, the town currently has \$2.2 million in reserves which shows that we are putting away monies for future use. The majority of funds that have been put into reserves over the past two years have come from cost-saving measures that have been put in place that have resulted in a reduction of overall operational expenses.

Based on the numbers above, the town is in good financial condition and quite capable of taking on more debt if future councils deem it necessary for future projects, and they will be able to service the debt easily without having to increase taxes to do so.

Economic development

Mr. Lavigne's disbelief into the significance of the Tim Hortons clearly shows a lack of understanding of how economic development can and will work in any community. The mere fact that Tim Hortons is interested in building in Didsbury shows that they see Didsbury as a progressive and growing community. And believe me they do their market analysis and studies and they don't build in a community unless they very confident about that community's future. This then acts as a catalyst as other businesses pay close attention to what companies like Tim Hortons do, and when they move into a community others follow. This means new businesses, new taxes, new jobs and new residents coming to Didsbury.

The Tim Hortons that is proposed for Didsbury should be starting construction within the next two weeks. Our CAO was part of a conference call with Tim Hortons personnel last week and according to their representatives, the drawings and agreements are at the Tim Hortons head office waiting to be signed off.

When the development is completed, it is estimated that the value of it will be \$3 million. At the present tax rate, this means the town will collect \$26,300 in property taxes. Mr. Lavigne needs to understand that property taxes are not the sole taxes. The \$26,000 does not include income taxes generated, school property taxes, seniors' housing requisition, Goods and Services Taxes, gasoline and excise taxes, and federal or provincial business taxes. Maybe the \$100,000 Mr. Lavigne is suspicious of is a little low.

Mr. Lavigne speaks of the empty shopping bays. In a free and open market economy that we live in, prop-

erty owners/developers can choose to build as many houses, condos or commercial spaces as they see fit. The town does not decide how many house, condos or commercial buildings should be built in a year. The market will drive those decisions and determine if they are going to be profitable and successful, and the risk is theirs to bear.

Town property taxes are based upon the value of property and the improvements (buildings) on the property. Once the improvements on a property are built, taxes are paid regardless of whether the bays are occupied. Would citizens of Didsbury and council like to see the shopping centres full? Of course we would. Unfortunately development is a slow process that doesn't happen overnight. The town has a number of exciting opportunities such as Bethany Care that will see an influx of jobs, visitors and money come into the Town of Didsbury economy due to the pro-activity and vision that council and administration have shown over the years.

The Bethany Care project has been ongoing for over three years and it is going to be another six months to completion. These are multi-million dollar projects that take a lot of planning and preparation and work to complete.

Development takes time.

Citizens should be aware that the revenue generated from non-residential taxes over the past nine years has increased dramatically as has been the goal of council. I have talked numerous times about the need to increase our non-residential tax base in order to help make Didsbury sustainable for the future and not have to continue to rely solely on residential taxes to pay the bills. This has been the No.1 priority for council the past six years and we are seeing some very good results from our efforts to date.

This chart below comes from Statistics Canada and it shows Didsbury's growth in non-residential taxes in dollars, year over year and the percentage growth compared to the yearly inflation.

An 85 per cent growth over the past nine years is impressive growth in anyone's books. This definitely

Year	Non-Residential Taxes Collected	Percentage Change	Yearly Inflation Rate
2005	207,963		
2006	211,786	1.8	4.6
2007	237,479	10.8	5.1
2008	261,801	9.3	3.2
2009	286,360	8.6	-0.1
2010	327,894	12.7	1.8
2011	315,478	-3.9	2.3
2012	322,260	2.1	1.3
2013	572,466	43.7	

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shows that Didsbury's non-residential growth plan is working.

Add to this the projects such as Bethany Care and the Cayanne development, Tim Hortons, etc., and you can see that these numbers are going to continue to grow in the future.

Shantz Crossing

Shantz Crossing has been a contentious issue since its inception. This is a project that has been planned out over the past four years and is just now coming to completion.

We have had some contract performance issues with the contractor but things are back on track and the project will be near completion and ready for occupancy later this fall. As of this moment, the Town of Didsbury has a Memorandum of Understanding with N-Viro for the purchase of property in Shantz. We have had contact with numerous other interested parties and have held preliminary negotiations with three other companies looking to relocate into Shantz. One of these has since purchased elsewhere because the railroad could not build the rail spur onto the property in Shantz fast enough for them to meet new business demands.

Negotiations are currently ongoing with the other two businesses with the hopes of concluding land purchase deals in the near future.

Council indicated from the very beginning that Shantz was expected to be a seven-year venture from start of construction to having all of the lands sold. We are only in year two and although no deal has definitely closed, we are very encouraged with the responses we have received to date.

Council did approve the borrowing of funds to do the Shantz development only if needed. To date we have not had to draw against that loan. Citizens should know that if this one client does buy the property in question, the Town of Didsbury will not have to borrow any money to complete the Shantz development. To date, due to strong financial management and our ability to set aside funds into reserves through numerous cost-saving strategies, we have been able to cash flow the project with those reserve funds.

Furthermore, they should be aware also that Shantz Crossing has been partially responsible for bringing other new development to Didsbury. Watch for future industrial activity north of Shantz.

Brian Wittal
Didsbury Mayor

On behalf of Didsbury municipal council: Lavar Adams, Gayle Veno, Gail Nowlan, Rick Mousseau, and Peter Versluys

Editor's note: See pages 8 and 9 for more of the mayor's comments in response to Rick Lavigne's letter to the editor.

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Didsbury, 403-335-9848. Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

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3025 RCACC DIDSBURY ARMY CADETS. - Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

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DIDSBURY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUS. - Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S. - meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

PARENT LINK CENTER. - Drop in play, FREE Playtime for Parents and Preschoolers (newborn to 6 yrs). Morning, afternoon and evening playtimes available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, Bay 2, 2030 17 Ave. Contact Linda 403-586-5466.

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE. - supper meetings every 2nd and 4th Thurs. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

SUPPER INVITATION. - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. Info/RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE. - is a resource centre for the town, we provide info & referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library & meeting space available for rent. 403-335-8719.

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA. - For fun, friendship and adventure for girls and women of all ages! Leaders are needed for all units, no experience necessary. Ages: Sparks 5/6; Brownies 7/8; Guides 9 - 11; Pathfinders 12 - 14; rangers 15 & up. Call Karen 403-556-6881 for more information.

FRIDAYS - CRIBBAGE STARTS. - at the Elks Hall - 7:00 p.m.

DIDSBURY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP. - Fridays at 8:30 at the Masonic Hall, 21 Ave. & 21 St. Suzanne 403-337-3033 or Jennifer 403-335-8388.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS BEGIN THEIR FALL PRACTICES on Monday evening, Sept. 10 at 7pm. at the FIVE-0 club. If you like to sing come and join us, we are a fun group.

COMMUNITY VOLLEYBALL NIGHT. - Adult co-ed drop-in Volleyball at Zion Church. Sun. Feb. 3. 7:00pm-9:00pm. \$2.00/night. Call Garnet 403-335-9820.

MOUNTAIN VIEW ARTS SOCIETY. - for lovers of art, culture and heritage of Didsbury & Mountain View County. Info at www.mountainviewartsociety.ca or call 403-335-9445.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DIDSBURY/ CARSTAIRS meets each Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00pm. Contact Ernie Ruckman. 403-335-4739. New

Members Welcome!

DIDSBURY DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP meets every last Monday of the month. 3:00pm. at Aspen Ridge Lodge. Contact Brandee 403-335-7273 or Sharon 403-335-7285.

WEST DIDSBURY 4H BEEF CLUB will be meeting in September. For more info contact Cindy 403-335-8696 or Cathy 403-337-2224 35-39

GRAHAM HALL - HAM & TURKEY SUPPER. - Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013. 1-4pm. Info Call 403-637-2186/ 403-637-2635 37-39

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS have started their fall practices. If you like to sing, join us at the 5-0 Club. Monday evenings @7pm. We are a fun group.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST. - Tuesday, October 8, 2013 Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym, Didsbury 9:30am. For reservations or more info call Ann, 403-335-8444. 39-40

DIDSBURY ARMY CADETS. - open to all youth 12-19--Parade every Thursday evening 6:30-9:30pm. Basement, Victoria Square Mall, Didsbury. Capt. Dave Kenney is the CO. 39-44

DIDSBURY LIONS CLUB is having their annual FOOD BANK DRIVE. Thursday, Sept. 26/13, 5:00-8:00pm. Leave donations at front door. 39

JOIN US FOR OUR FRIENDS OF ASPEN FALL TEAL Friday, Oct. 25 from 2-4pm. At Aspen Ridge Lodge. Come one, come all. 39-43

DIDSBURY AG SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE held Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 am - 4 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church gymnasium. Call Jean 403-335-8123 or Laura 403-335-4252. 39-43



AROUND TOWN

WITH THE DIDSBURY LIBRARY

September 25

Coffee & Conversation at the Museum - a free event held the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. September 25th, 2013 - Local author Becky Sundberg will talk about her book "A Call to Love". Author Alan Chambers with local Artist/Illustrator Elsie Archer will share about his book "The Starfish".

September 25

Didsbury & District Community Bus trip to Red Deer Cash Casino Wednesday, September 25th. Buss leaves Complex at 2:00 pm will pick up at Olds Legion approximately 2:15 pm). Cost \$15 each. Call Evelyn at 403 335-4899 to reserve a seat.

September 26

Air Cadets is open to all youth ages 12-19 years of age. Didsbury Army Cadets parade Thursday evenings 6:30 - 9:30 pm in the basement of the Victoria Square Mall. Capt. Dave Kenney is the CO.

September 27

Movie Matinee @ your library. At 2:00 pm we will host a pre-release screening of "Monsters University". Rated G. Admission is by donation. Bring your own snacks. Public screening license sponsored by Front Porch Realty.

September 27, October 4

Storytime at the Library on Friday mornings at 10:30

September 28

Stamp Club meets at the Library at 1:30 pm on the last Saturday of each month. Join other enthusiastic philatelists to share stories, trade and sell. For more information call Mark at 403 335-4128.

September 29

Jam at Melvin Hall. Sunday, September 29th. Weiner Roast at Noon. Jam from 2 till 4.

September 30, October 7

Mountain View Choraliers have started their Fall practices. If you like to sing, join us at the 5/0 club Monday evenings at 7 pm. We are a fun group.

October 8

Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013 at Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym 9:30 am. This month's feature is our Fall Fair. Bring gently used items, baking, canning, etc. for sale. For reservations or more info call Ann 403-335-8444.

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Berghal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta
5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,
8km E on Berghal Rd.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
For more information
phone 403-335-4451

Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue 403-335-8373
Join us for worship 10 a.m. Sundays,
With Sunday School for children
For more information go to
www.knox-united.com
People make the place!
Rev. Liz Bowyer:
Intentional Interim Minister

Chinook Winds Christian Centre

Welcome Home
chinookwinds.ca
10am Sundays
Pastors Richard & Beth Kope
Pastors Corey & Erin Kope
1710 - 14 Street Didsbury
403-335-3551 Email cwcc@airnet.net

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury
For more information please contact
Catholic Women's League:
Maxine Moreau 403-335-4948
Knights of Columbus:
Gary McNeil 403-335-8611
For more information
Olds St. Steven's Office
403-556-3084

Redeemer Lutheran Lutheran Church Canada

1500 - 23 ST. - Rev. Robert Mohs
Church: 403-335-3161 / Res: 403-335-3656
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group
Small Group Bible Study meetings
throughout the week

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
Office: 403-335-4422
Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.
For information concerning the weekly
activities please call the Church Office.

Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's
2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664
Rector - David Asher
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion - 2nd & 4th Sunday
each month

West Zion Mennonite Church

westzion.com has a map for directions
Senior Pastor Mal Braun
Youth Pastor Josh Tiel
Sunday Services 10:00 am
ALL WELCOME

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Corner Hwy 582 & 20 Ave.
Phone: 403-335-3629 Web: www.zemc.org
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Alison Lefebvre, Youth Pastor
Christine Little, Children's Pastor
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Letter from the Mayor

Mr. Lavigne was critical of town signage, painting the water tower and the development of a marketing campaign for Didsbury. Would Mr. Lavigne be happier if Council sat on their hands and did nothing? That is a guaranteed recipe for failure. Does he offer any solutions or ideas? I don't see any.

An Economic Development Strategy to promote and grow Didsbury and the businesses in Didsbury is critical to the long-term success of this town. Does any business person who puts out a business ad have a guarantee that it will bring them any new business? No. But if they don't advertise or promote themselves they are pretty much guaranteed they will not get any new business if no one knows who or where they are.

Council does not apologize for marketing Didsbury. We believe in the future and we believe in Didsbury. The water tower is a highly recognizable landmark in Didsbury.

Apparently he isn't too concerned about promoting the Town and the local businesses in our community to a broader audience. There are some very unique stores in Didsbury that count on outside traffic from tourism to keep their stores viable as they cannot survive on just the patronage they get from local residents, so promoting the Town and trying to attract tourism to Didsbury is critical to many of the small businesses in Didsbury.

Here are the facts:

REPAINTING WATER TOWER:

- Mrs. Ruth Jepson painted the Didsbury Water Tower in 1998 in preparation of Didsbury hosting the Alberta Senior Games.
- Council approved for Mrs. Ruth Jepson (80 years old) to re-paint/touch up her original artwork on May 22, 2012
- July 22, 2012 Council approved \$18,000 to re-furbish with monies from water reserves. This was for the paint, anti-graffiti treatment, rental of the lift. Monies were also given to Mrs. Jepson for her work on the tower.
- This made front page of the Calgary Herald on August 28, 2012 with the heading "Didsbury artist restores community landmark". You can't get any better tourism awareness promotion than the front page of a newspaper that is accessible to over 1 million potential visitors only 75Km away.

COMMUNITIES OF DISTINCTION TV BROADCAST

- Council approved to go with this project on April 23, 2013. The cost was \$24,000 USD and it would come out of the Economic Development budget.
- The times and dates for the broadcasts are not made at this time but it will be in early 2014. The TV stations which it is being broadcast on are:
- Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Red Deer
- Vancouver
- Regina, Saskatoon
- Winnipeg
- Halifax
- Hamilton, London, Ottawa, Thunder Bay, Toronto
- St. Johns

Canadian Networks: CBC, Global, CTV (Global Calgary and Edmonton), CTV Calgary and Edmonton, CBC Nationally

The TV stations which it is being broadcast in the US are:

- Los Angeles
- Seattle-Tacoma
- Cleveland
- Minneapolis-St. Paul
- Phoenix
- Salt Lake City
- Toledo
- Tucson
- ABC, CBS and Fox Network

The reasons for picking communities that are located outside of Alberta is a further economic development initiative by Council to increase recognition and exposure to the local, provincial, national and international markets. I would find it difficult if not impossible to classify ABC, CBS and Fox Network as "obscure channels" as Mr. Lavigne would like you to believe.

Curling Club

Mr. Lavigne makes reference to a "Grant of \$50,000 to the curling club to repair and upgrade the HVC unit on the roof." Here is a prime example of misinformation and inaccurate facts from Mr. Lavigne (that he claims is all verifiable) which is all too reminiscent of the type of misinformation that he was relaying to people during his little petition sit-in that he did last year.

Here are the verifiable facts.

There was never a grant applied for or issued to the curling club to repair their HVAC. The HVAC unit on the Curling Club is in very good condition. The compressor for the air conditioning unit was replaced in 2012, at a cost of less than \$8,000.

I am going to assume that Mr. Lavigne is instead talking about a loan agreement made with the Curling Club for the replacement of a compressor in the ice plant in 2011. There are three compressor units at the Memorial Complex. Two are for the arena ice surfaces and one is for the curling rink ice surface. The curling rink compressor broke down and the total cost to replace the compressor was \$41,000, and the Curling Club's portion of the cost was \$20,500 which they could pay back to the Town over a five-year period.

The Town does not require a third compressor to operate the arena and because the compressor was necessary for operation of the Curling Rink, a building leased to the Curling Club six months each year, this became a cost-sharing project between the Curling Club and the Town. The installation of the compressor is considered a capital expense, and as per the lease agreement with the Curling Club, these are expenditures that should be considered for cost-sharing. As this was a capital replacement it did not qualify for any grant funding whatsoever. Any monies the Town put towards this came out of our budget so it was tax dollars used for this. There are no missing grant funds as he insinuates as there was no grant to begin with.

TRAVELING TO JAPAN

In 2004 the Town of Didsbury, Chinooks Edge School Division and Miki Town agreed to participate in a home stay program for junior high school students from Miki Town Japan.

- In 2006 Mayor Moore and Luana Smith were hosted by Miki Town to come and see their Town and participate in their Annual Lion Dancing Festival. This trip was 100% funded by Miki Town.
- In 2008, 2010 and 2012 Didsbury organized a group of students and parents to visit Miki Town. These costs were 100% covered by the attendees. The Town of Didsbury staff attendants were paid for by the Town through monies from an administration fee charged to the attendees, as well as by dividends that we receive in the amount of \$3,400 per year from the sales of the "Didsbury Glove Program."

• The Town logo was not "sold" as Mr. Lavigne states. The Town, upon request, gave approval to Les Gants to use the name Didsbury on a glove they wanted to produce and market. The gloves are to be made exclusively of Canadian leathers (which they weren't

using before) and potentially sold around the world with the Town having the rights to marketing the gloves in North America. The Town will also receive a dividend on every pair of gloves sold worldwide. Les Gants is still working on their marketing strategy for the Didsbury glove.

• The Town of Didsbury still holds full rights to the Didsbury logo.

• Those travelling on these trips were the CAO, Deputy CAO and one other staff member. For safety and liability reasons, two people from the Town did have to act as administrators of the trip in case something were to happen to one or more students, the staff member could take over. The third staff member attended in 2012 to learn about the trip as the Deputy CAO was handing over this program completely.

• Our people only travel every second year – not every year as Mr. Lavigne indicated in his letter.

• The Japanese visit us every year. This year there were two delegations, as well as the Alberta – Japan Twinned Communities Conference. Every time we have visitors to Didsbury, money is brought into our community that helps to boost the local economy.

• At the Twinned Communities Conference we had the Deputy Minister of International and Intergovernmental Affairs, Teresa Woo-Paw, talk about the importance of Alberta tapping into the Japanese market which happens to be the #1 premium priced market in the world for agriculture goods, of which Alberta has an abundance. She applauded Didsbury and Miki Town for developing the relationship that we have and for taking it to the next step and developing business ties between our two communities. Tapping into the #1 market in the world takes time and will pay dividends in the long run.

• Talk to any student or parent who has been involved with the exchange and those experiences alone are worth the time and monies spent to help our children grow into better future world citizens.

KANANASKIS

Mr. Lavigne states that Council takes "Weekend retreats to the Kananaskis Inn. And as taxpayers we pay for all Council plus spouses, Mayor plus spouse, CAO, Assistant CAO, all in a first class bus four times." Here is another one of his complete fabrications or bad information from an unreliable source.

The fact is that there has never been a time during my nine years on Council when any members of Council and their spouses or myself and my spouse have ever been to Kananaskis for a weekend retreat on Town business, never mind 4 times as he alludes to on a first class bus. The only thing that anyone from the Town ever attends in Kananaskis is the yearly Municipal Administrators Conference that two staff, usually the CAO and Assistant CAO, would attend and they carpool to this event. Sorry no luxury bus.

Once again, I am forced to try to interpret what it is Mr. Lavigne is referring to here. Council does hold a yearly strategic planning session, usually in November to set out the priorities and budget for the coming year. Last year we carpoled to Canmore for two days of discussions. There were the 7 members of Council (no spouses) and two staff (CAO and Manager of Legislative Services) that attended.

Holding the session outside the community allows for more time for the members of Council to interact and discuss the future priorities for Didsbury without our everyday lives getting in the way. And yes, it provides a great loca-

tion which I believe truly helps everyone to relax and unwind and have better discussions and make better decisions for Didsbury's future. So where did Mr. Lavigne get his facts from on this one?

POOL AND ARENA

The pool and rink are not closing. In early 2013, Council hosted two open houses regarding the Aquatic Centre to update residents as to the condition of the facility and the costs involved to repair it, and to ask for guidance as to if Council should move forward with the repairs or consider other options for this facility.

Mr. Lavigne accuses Council and myself of keeping residents in the dark on matters of importance and not being accountable and now he criticizes us for holding a meeting to discuss what we should do with the Aquatic Centre. These meetings are a prime example of Council looking to engage residents in a matter of significant importance and asking for advice. The Aquatic Centre is the single biggest expense item that the Town operates, and it draws the largest amount of tax dollars from the budget every year to operate, so why would we not want to get feedback from our taxpayers?

When grants are received from the Provincial or Federal Governments to help repair a facility they are only for a portion of the total monies that are required. At most you may receive funding based on your project cost estimate under a formula of 1/3 from the Province, 1/3 from the Feds and 1/3 must come from the municipality.

When you apply for these grants you must be very specific as to what the monies are for and provide actual estimates of repair to verify your request for funding. Once you receive funding for a specific repair you cannot change your mind or divert the funds elsewhere as Mr. Lavigne insinuates. When the project is complete you must make a full report and account for the monies spent to both levels of government. If you are over-budget you will not receive any additional funds and if you are under-budget you must return any unused grant funds back to the Province or Feds, whoever gave them to you.

In 2012 a building assessment was completed on the Aquatic Centre identifying over \$1.3M in repairs that are required over the next five years. The feedback from the community was a resounding "yes" to pursuing the repairs, and Town of Didsbury staff is currently working on a proposal for how this project will be funded. You may be referring to the replacement of the HVAC system that was a component of other significant upgrades in the Aquatic Centre that took place in early 2011. The entire project cost, including the replacement of the HVAC was \$569,587 and it was funded in several ways: There were two grants that were awarded, a RINC grant for \$140,667 and MSI grant for \$237,000 totaling \$377,667; and the Town of Didsbury's contribution of \$43,536 from reserves. Mountain View County's portion of this capital improvement is valued at \$148,384.05, and it remains outstanding.

The Town knows where all of the grant funding has gone as does the Provincial and the Federal governments, so rest assured Mr. Lavigne that no funds have been diverted elsewhere.

COUNCILLOR ANDERSON

Councillor Anderson was not "removed from Council" nor a "bad actor" as Mr. Lavigne would have you believe. Rather, as previously discussed through a press release, he was disqualified as he no longer met the terms under the Municipal Government Act section 174 (2) (a) & (b), the largest piece of legislation that governs how Council and Administration operate.

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Mr. Anderson moved to BC in January to start a new job and did not attend any meetings between January 1, 2013 and March 2013. I contacted Municipal Affairs to confirm what the requirements are for a situation such as a Councilor working out of Province and was told that as long as his primary residence is in Didsbury he is still eligible to be a Councilor regardless of where he works. However under the Municipal Government Act if a Councilor should miss eight consecutive Council meetings in a row they could be disqualified from Council. I personally relayed this information to Councilor Anderson on two separate occasions to let him know

that if he is planning on moving to BC permanently it would be best for him to send in a letter of resignation. He never did that so once he had been absent for eight consecutive meetings he was disqualified from Council as per the MGA. Mr. Anderson was paid until the eight meetings were missed as per the legislation.

During those months he did have his Council computer in BC but had communication issues and was not responding to emails so eventually his email was rerouted to the CAO so that any emails that required a response would then come from the CAO which is what happened with Mr. Lavigne's email.

I have had the pleasure to be on Council for the past nine years. During that time, I have been privileged to work with people who have committed thousands of hours to serving the citizens of Didsbury. They have attended countless meetings, numerous community functions and spoken to hundreds of citizens. Without exception everyone has served Didsbury residents with integrity and honesty. It does not surprise me that Mr. Lavigne has so much

misinformation and it doesn't surprise me that Mr. Lavigne has not been witness to the efforts of Council members and Administration. As 'informed' as Mr. Lavigne believes he is, I have only had the opportunity to see him at two Council meetings in my tenure and on those occasions Mr. Lavigne only stayed for a part of each of the meeting.

Mr. Lavigne, it is so easy to criticize the efforts and work of others. It is much more challenging to bring forth ideas that are going to improve the lives of the citizens of Didsbury. I am not running in this election but I will be staying engaged in the political process in Didsbury and asking questions of our elected officials when necessary to ensure that we as citizens are getting accurate and honest information not fabrications and half truths.

Apparently it is far easier to make up stories than it is to research and look for the facts. Mr. Lavigne I challenge you to stop spreading false information and become educated about the true operations of a municipality. I challenge you to put forth the effort to get the correct information and then take the next step

and provide solutions to the challenges facing all communities.

To quote your letter "Honesty is an admiral quality from which comes respect." Well Mr. Lavigne you have NOT earned my respect with a letter like this!

Lastly, Mr. Lavigne, we don't need eleven good people to run for Council, nor have we ever needed eleven good people to run for Council. Council only has seven members. For the long-term good of Didsbury, I hope we can find seven hardworking, solution-focused individuals who will demonstrate integrity, who will welcome differences of opinions and who will unite our community. Together, we can build community.

I leave it up to you the electorate and I am confident that you will choose the right seven people to lead Didsbury forward.

Respectfully and accurately submitted,

Brian Wittal, Mayor

On behalf of Didsbury Town
Council: Lavar Adams, Gayle Veno,
Gail Nowlan, Rick Mousseau
and Peter Versluys

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 pm.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, October 9 at 4:30 pm.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.



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ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED

The Town of Didsbury is hiring individuals to work the 2013 Municipal Election.

Application forms can be found on the Town of Didsbury website at www.didsbury.ca or pick one up at the Town of Didsbury Office at 2037 - 19 Avenue between 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Dates required for Election Workers are:

Advanced Poll: Friday, October 11, 2013 from 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Election Day: Monday, October 21, 2013 from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Monday, October 21, 2013 from 8:00 pm until counting has been completed.

For more information please contact Returning Officer Luana Smith at 403-335-3391 ext. 1103 or by email at lsmith@didsbury.ca



DIDSBURY NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

Board Game Mania - October 2 - December 18 from 3:30 - 4:30pm at DNP. Cost is drop in \$3.00 or \$30.00 for the session.

Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403.335.8719 to register.

ROLLOUT CART PICK UP SCHEDULE

	September	October
Black Bin	24,25,26	8,9,10,22,23,24
Green Bin	--	1,2,3,15,16,17,29,30,31
Please visit www.didsbury.ca/recycling to view pick-up zone map to determine what day your bin will be picked up.		

Utility E-Bills

When you receive your Town of Didsbury Utility E-Bill, the message will indicate that you can login to your accounts. This option is not available yet. We are waiting for the software programmers to finalize the online service for our residents/customers. We expect this service to be up and running this fall.

Rather than wait for the full program access, we have started with the first step - Emailing your Utility Bill. Watch for further notices and updates. Thank you.

Town of Didsbury - Finance Department

Employment Opportunities

The Town of Didsbury is currently accepting applications for:

- Arena Supervisor - full-time
- Facility Operator, - full-time, term
- Concession Operator - part-time
- Lifeguard - part-time

For more details and how to apply, please go to:
www.didsbury.ca/town/careers

Didsbury FCSS Funds

FCSS would like to invite groups to apply for remaining 2013 FCSS funds. Please contact Jolene Sanford at Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403-335-8719 for an application.

Deadline for applications is October 15, 2013.

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

DP 13-67	802 Sec. Hwy. 582	Temporary Signage - w/conditions	IS
DP 13-68	1522 - 19 Avenue	Demolition and Construction Accessory Building - w/conditions	R2
DP 13-69	49 Bluebird Drive	Single Family Dwelling - w/conditions	R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403.335.3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **August 27, 2013.**

Dani Woodman - Development Officer

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Firefighters push hard at national competition

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Didsbury firefighters competed in the FireFit National Championship the weekend of September 7-8, and though they didn't place at the top, Jesse Derksen, Matt Code, and Craig Martin managed to cut time off their personal records once again.

"We were like the little engine that could," said Martin. "We were the underdog, but in the competition we really held our own, and nobody treated us any different."

The trio, who participated in both individual and team relay events all placed near the middle of the pack, and were squared off against firefighters from across the country, he noted.

"For us it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. TSN was there filming us, and everyone was cheering. It's a big brotherhood out there," he said.

The team shaved time off compared to its last competition, both in relays and individual runs.

Running as individuals, Martin cut down his previous record by 21 seconds, coming in at two minutes. Derksen cut down by 15 seconds, also coming in at two minutes – hundredths of a second apart from Martin's time. Code stayed consistent with his record of two minutes and 30 seconds, which was still a good thing, added Martin.

"For the relays, each run we kept getting faster, but we shaved five or 10 seconds off, and our best time was 1:31," he said.

"And we've never scored anything close to that before. I think our best was 1:40, so we're definitely getting faster."

The team plans to keep training for next year's competition, with a goal of making it to next year's nationals, which will be held in Quebec, he said, noting that if they shave off enough time from their records when they get to the qualifiers, it would be worth the trip.

"And if Jesse cuts his hair, that's like 20 pounds off right there," he joked.

As part of the training, they study videos of themselves doing the races and pick out their weak spots and where to



Kevin Vink/MVP Staff

Mayor Brian Wittal (left) and Bob Wright (right) accept plaques thanking the Town of Didsbury and the Didsbury Fire Department for their support of the team that went to the FireFit National competition in Edmonton.

Matt Code, Craig Martin and Jesse Derksen (middle) all competed as individuals and in team relay events.

improve, he noted.

Town officials sponsored a barbecue held at the fire department last

Wednesday, Sept. 11 to celebrate the firefighters' performance after the competition.

RCMP crime stats in for the second quarter

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Didsbury RCMP have compiled their second quarterly statistics report for the April 1 to June 30 period, and while many numbers have only changed slightly when compared to the same time frame last year, some have seen a drastic drop.

"A very positive trend that we did see was person crimes had a significant decrease," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

"Last year over that same period, we had had 26 person crimes – threats harassments, assaults, sex assaults. This year we had 15 reported."

He hopes the change can be attributed to police enforcing a zero-tolerance policy toward domestic abuse and similar situations, and that this approach is paying off with less of those crimes taking place.

Mischief reports dropped in the period, from 16 last year to six this year; liquor act violations have dropped, from seven last year to three this year; and drug-related charges or warnings also dropped, from seven last year to three this year.

"For property crimes, break and enters and thefts, we saw an increase in those this last quarter over the same quarter last year," he said.

Storage yards, sheds and business-related thefts were one of the reasons for the rise in incidents, along with thefts of and from vehicles, he noted.

Last year, there were two break and enters reported, compared to eight this year; there were three thefts over \$5,000 last year, compared to 10 this year; and there were 26 reported thefts under \$5,000 last year, compared to 31 this year.

Provincial violations, not including traffic- or liquor-related offences also dropped from 37 to 27.

In total, break and enters and thefts amounted to 31 reports last year versus 49 this year.

Statistics that remained close to the same as last year included: fraud – four last year, five this year; disturbances of the peace – six last year, four this year; and other criminal code offences – with 34 last year and 30 this year.

Municipal bylaw violation reports dropped from 22 last year, to 16 this year, along with three charges related to violations last year, and no charges this year.

"Municipal bylaw complaints investigated by the RCMP are typically after-hours noise complaints," he said.

"Most of these are resolved in the first instance by way of a warning."

The summary of service requests handled in town were mostly unchanged: indices checks totalled 249 last year over 228 this year; and suspicious person

reports or vehicles checks were made 21 times last year over 18 this year.

There were 12 false alarm calls made last year, with 13 this year; there were five lost and found occurrences last year and 15 this year; and there were nine missing persons checks last year, compared to eight this year.

"Provincial traffic offence reports have increased this quarter over the same quarter of 2012. Charges and written warnings have also increased," said Jacobson.

There were no "other criminal code traffic" charges made last year, compared to two this year; two impaired driving charges last year compared to one this year; and 48 provincial traffic law violations last year compared to 57 this year.

There were 10 roadside suspensions last year compared to three this year; 20 combined traffic offence charges and warnings last year compared to 25 this year; and two hit-and-run reports last year compared to four this year.

There were 14 traffic collisions reported last year compared to 15 this year, with 12 collisions amounting to over \$2,000 in both years, and one non-fatal injury collision in both years.

Overall, total calls for service, within town limits, including criminal record checks, have dropped from 723 calls last year to 647 this year, he added.

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Langford, Delmer (Del)



We are very saddened to announce the passing of Delmer (Del) Langford. Del was born on December 22, 1931 in Ochre River, MB and passed away on September 15, 2013 in Vernon, BC at the age of 81 years.

Del will be lovingly remembered by his wife Ethel (Clarke), his children Eileen (Yves) Smith, Gladys Langford, Robert (Kim) Langford, and Karen (Craig) Lalonde, his 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Numerous extended family members still reside in the Ochre River/Turtle River area as well as all across Canada.

Del was predeceased by his parents, George (Gus) and Florence (Wishart) Langford, his in-laws, Nathan & Mary (Crawley) Clarke, an infant daughter, Sandra, his sisters and brothers-in-law, Hazel & John Matters, Thelma (Sis) & Lorne Cleave, Antony (Tony) Clarke and John Gingles and his nephew, Clifford Cleave.

Del attended Turtle River School and lived in Ochre River and Dauphin, Manitoba until the mid-70's when he moved his family to Calgary. Del and Ethel spent their days in Manitoba farming in the Banks and Burrows districts and later Del purchased heavy equipment. He was extremely proud of his D8 and AC16 and spent many, many hours clearing bush for farmers in the area. Ethel was the 'behind the scenes' person who picked up parts, took meals to the field and kept the home fires burning. In Alberta, Del was proud of his construction days building Deerfoot Trail in Calgary, Kananaskis Ski Resort and the Golf Course in Okotoks as well as the many oil leases he prepared. In his retirement, he took up wood-working and built furniture and pool cues. His days of cutting wood continued from a young age until a year ago. His garage was always warmer than the house! He moved to Armstrong, BC in May of 2013 where he lived until his passing.

Funeral service was held at the United Church in Ochre River, MB with interment at the Turtle River Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be gratefully accepted by the Turtle River Cemetery Fund, c/o Rural Municipality of Ochre River, MB or to the CNIB for Retinitis Pigmentosa Research. Cards may be sent to: c/o 1407 McLeod Road, Armstrong, BC V0E 1B8.

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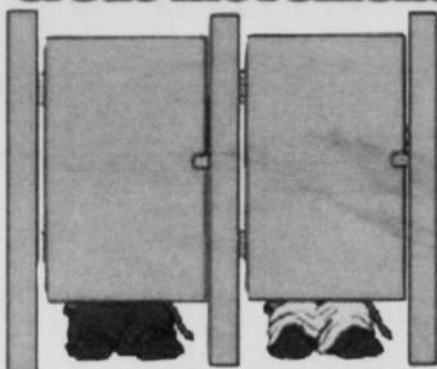


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